

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, just after the Title, please insert the following new heading and paragraph:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is the U.S. National Stage of International Patent Application No. PCT/SG2004/000014, filed January 15, 2004, which, in turn, relies for priority on Malaysia Patent Application No. 20030237, filed January 24, 2003, the contents of both of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.

On page 1, please amend the paragraph under "Field of the Invention: as follows:

The present invention relates to methods for the removal of organic nitrogen, organic and inorganic contaminants from an aqueous liquid. More particularly, the present invention is related to a process for the removal of organic and inorganic contaminants from wastewater and ground water.

On page 2, please amend the second full paragraph as follows:

Reagents such as permanganate, chlorine gas, hypo-chloride, ozone, and ozone with ~~to~~ ultraviolet light (UV), hydrogen peroxide and hydrogen peroxide with or without metallic ion catalysts, UV light or ozone have been used for chemical oxidation. Ozone has been used together with activated carbon in biological activated carbon (BAC) processes to oxidise complicated non-biodegradable organic contaminants to simpler molecules for biological treatment.

On page 3, please amend the last paragraph as follows:

The present invention consists of certain novel features and ~~in~~ combinations of parts hereinafter fully described and illustrated in the accompanying description, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims, it being understood that various changes in the details may be made without departing from the scope of the invention, or sacrificing any advantage of the present invention.